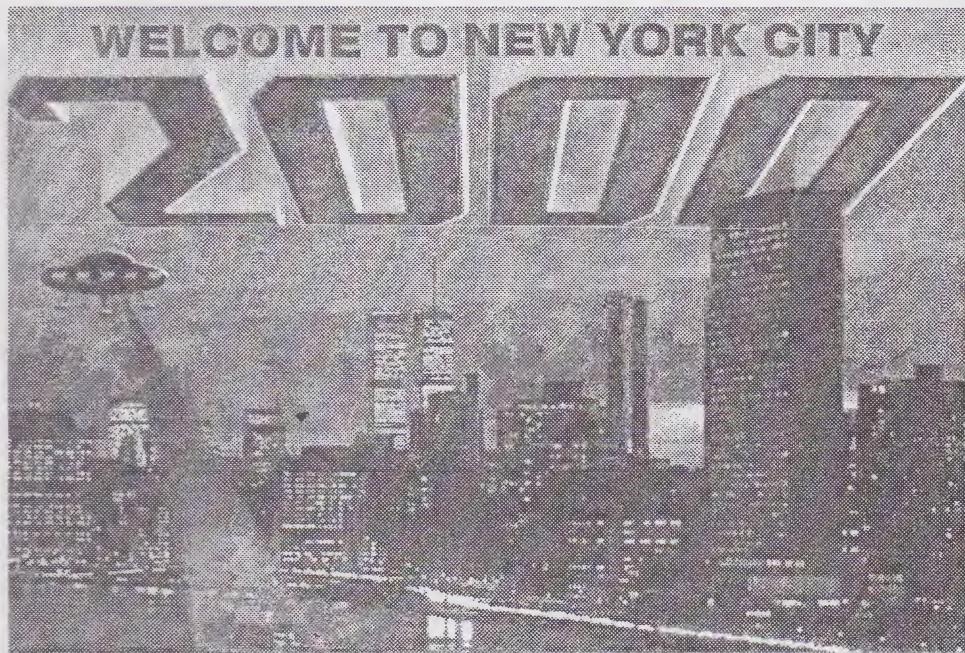




A Zinester's Guide to New York City



created for the
new york city zinefest
july 28th and 29th, 2000



hello.

we're so glad you decided to attend our zine fest. we hope it will be 2 days in which we can all meet fellow zinesters, buy, sell + trade our labors of love, talk about zines + just celebrate the zine community which we are all a part of. we decided to put together this guide of things to do + see in the city for those of you who are unfamiliar with NYC. hopefully it will also be useful to those of you who are visiting from out-of-town + maybe even to those of you who are familiar with NYC. This is by no means an exhaustive or complete guide... if that's what you want, try a travel guide from the bookstore. we just tried to point out some of our favorite places + some things that might be of interest to fellow zinesters. If you have any questions about the places we've listed (or any we haven't), feel free to ask us + hopefully we'll be able to get you where you want to go. Enjoy the guide, enjoy the zine fest + enjoy new york city!

Love,

Lauren + Cheryl
co-organizers of the fest
and co-authors of this guide.

COPY SHOPS

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MIGHT BE FRANTICALLY TRYING TO FINISH UP A ZINE, HERE ARE SOME NEARBY COPY PLACES:

KINKO'S - 12th ST.

UNIQUE COPY - 74 5th AVE, (at 13th) 212.924.9792

EAST SIDE COPY - 15 EAST 13th ST. 212.807.0465

VILLAGE COPIER - 20 EAST 13th ST. 212.809.9665

STAPLES - UNION SQUARE WEST 212.929.6323

POST OFFICES

THE CLOSEST POST OFFICE TO THE ZINE FEST IS ON 10th STREET (BETWEEN 5th + 6th).

YOU CAN ALSO FIND MOBILE POST OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE CITY - THERE'S USUALLY ONE PARKED ON UNION SQUARE.

★ * GENERAL INFO * * *

★ NYC'S OFFICIAL VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER IS AT 810 7th AVE. (AT 53rd ST.) B,D,E TO 7th AVE N,R TO 57th ST.

★ ph 212-484-1222 INFO DESK, BROCHURES, MAPS, AN ATM.

PUBLICATIONS THAT ARE HELPFUL INCLUDE TIME OUT

★ NEW YORK (\$2.75) AND THE VILLAGE VOICE (FREE).

★ BOTH ARE AVAILABLE ON NEWSSTANDS + HAVE EVENT LISTINGS, BARS, RESTAURANTS, CLUBS, ETC.

★ IF YOU WANT TO SEE A BROADWAY SHOW, VISIT THE TKTS BOOTH AT EITHER 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER OR

★ AT 47th ST. (TIMES SQ.) PICK UP SAME-DAY DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR POPULAR SHOWS. CASH + TRAVELLER'S CHECKS ONLY.



getting around the city

NEW YORK IS A BIG CITY, + THERE'S LOTS TO SEE + DO, BUT HOW DO YOU GET AROUND? WELL, THERE ARE LOTS OF OPTIONS FOR EVERY DESTINATION + PRICE RANGE. HERE ARE SOME TIPS:

1. WALKING. If you've got the stamina for New York City summers, this is obviously the cheapest way to go, as well as the best way to see the city. Manhattan is not all that big, so unless you're headed way uptown or downtown or to another borough, walking is a great way to go.
2. TAXIS. Cabs in the city are very expensive + not really fast due to traffic. If you've always wanted to ride an NYC taxi, then go ahead, but I'd advise not relying on them as your primary mode of transportation.
3. DRIVING. Again, this can be pricey if you plan on parking in the city. Be sure to read all parking signs, because you will get a ticket. Traffic can be a real nightmare as well, so if you plan on driving in, be careful.
4. BUSES. There are loads of buses in NYC that go just about everywhere. I rarely ride them because I prefer the subway, so I can't give too much advice on them.
5. SUBWAY. Contrary to popular belief, you should not be afraid of the subway. It's easy to navigate, goes nearly everywhere, is convenient + generally safe. The stations are super-hot in the summer, but the trains are icy-cold. Buy a MetroCard (see next pg. for details), catch your train + enjoy the ride..

AS IN ANY CITY, EXERCISE CAUTION + COMMON SENSE WHILE TRAVELLING. NEW YORK IS A SAFE PLACE, BUT STAY ALERT + AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS. ENJOY!



My 
My 
Met 
ro 
Card

this  is a metrocard and unless you're rich, you will most likely be using it in yr stay in nyc. you can buy a metrocard w/ any amount from \$3-80 at subway stations. (rides on subway & buses are \$1.50) if you're going to be in the city for longer than the weekend, we recommend you buy the 1 week (7 day) unlimited metrocard for \$17. or you can buy a one-day fun pass for \$4. subway maps are available at every station - ask the attendant. and if you need directions, don't be afraid to ask someone at the conference.

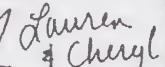
S A F E T Y ⁱⁿ NYC

new york is the same as any other place - except a little more compact & bustling. safety is really all abt common sense. if you're traveling in an area you don't know well, bring someone along. don't flash money or let yr wallet hang out of yr pocket or purse/bag. walk with a purpose so as to not seem lost (even if you are). if you're on the subway or bus, keep track of the items you're carrying and stay alert. this is not meant to scare you, just to let you know that you have to be careful. most ppl are quite friendly here, but you have to keep yr guard up. as a general rule, i feel very safe in new york, but still try to travel with others as much as possible. be safe in new york don't forget to have fun, okay?

PLACES TO STAY

due to construction at the dorms this summer, we will not be providing you with a place to stay. we have looked up a bunch of hostels in the city to help you out - we urge you to contact any friends you may have in the city as well.

Some things you should know abt hostelling

hostels are places that provide cheap rooms for travellers all over the world. the atmosphere is very community oriented and yr sleeping arrangements will most likely be communal. please do research on the hostel you'd like to stay at before you make a reservation - some hostels provide linens, some don't, some require a membership, but most don't. most hostels would like it if you make a reservation by credit card, but you are only allowed to PAY in cash, so please call and ask specific questions abt the hostel's policies. also, most hostels require a passport or valid gov't issued form of ID - some will ONLY accept a passport, it's important to call. to learn more abt hostels, or to get in touch w/ more in the city (we've only listed a few here) go to www.hostels.com and look up hostels in nyc. also, check out their FAQ, it's really interesting. 

Hostelling International - New York

891 Amsterdam Avenue

NY, NY. 10024

\$26 - \$33 / person per night

email: reserve@hinewyork.org

www.hinewyork.org

212-932-2300

linens

included,

need a

passport

driver's

license

More hostels

100% AFK

Chelsea International Hostel

251 W. 20th St. NY, NY. 10011
212-647-0010 - \$25/night
email: email@chelseahostel.com
www.chelseahostel.com

also check book
your own fuckin
life @ www.
byofl.org for
crash pads
in new
York!!

passport
required

Gershwin Hostel - NY

7 East 27th Street NY, NY. 10016
212-545-8000 - \$29.99 + tax (\$35 total)
www.gershwinhostel.com. sheets provided
18 or older. reservations@gershwinhostel.com

Chelsea Star Hotel / Hostel

300 West 30th St. NY, NY. 10001
212-244-7827 or toll free 877-827-NYNY
www.starhotelny.com \$19-33/night

Aladdin Hotel and Hostel

317 W. 45th Street NY, NY. 10036
212-246-8580 - \$19 - \$25/night
aladdinhot@aol.com

New York Connection

197 Humboldt St. Brooklyn, NY. 11207
718-624-7199 nyconnect@yahoo.com
\$15/night. need passport. must be between
ages 18 and 30.

... RESTAURANTS ...

here is a bunch of restaurants in tons of places in the city. be forewarned... it is expensive to eat out in new york. we're recommending most of these b/c they're not big chain restaurants. support the little guy! this is just a start to help you out-happy eating!

yaffa café - 97 st. mark's place (btwn 1st Ave and Ave A) 212-674-9302. diverse menu w/ lots of veggie selections. the decor of the restaurant is so awesome! avg meal = \$5-8.

the crooked tree - a creperie that is so adorable and the menu is simple - sweet crepes, Savory crepes + sandwiches. so scrumptious and perfect. #3-7, 110 st. mark's place (between 1st Ave and Ave A) 212-533-3299.

veselka - 144 2nd Ave (corner of 9th) 228-9682 ukrainian and american diner cuisine in a spacious setting w/ outdoor seating, too. try the pierogies, raspberry pancakes, stuffed cabbage and borscht!

republic - pan asian cuisine - from pad thai to vietnamese noodles to BBQ pork. good prices for dinner in ny. cool environment. \$7-9.
431 onion st. west. 627-7172

milon - wonderful indian restaurant on the 2nd floor (left) side of the building. thousands of christmas lights adorn the walls + ceiling and it provides a great atmosphere. food is cheap and very good. #4-8. 93 1st Ave. btwn 5th + 6th.

Sammy's noodle shop - 453 ave of Americas (6th Ave.) at 11th street. 582-3392. great place for chinese food of all kinds. \$4.95 lunch specials, huge menu w/ lots of veggie choices. #7.25 avg. entree.

Kate's joint - ave B between 3 + 4th sts. cute little veggie + vegan restaurant. (make sure to walk by the toy sculpture on yr way by!)

... MORE FOOD ...

angelica kitchen - 2nd ave. at 12th st. a wonderful veggie, vegan and macrobiotic kitchen that is an east village favorite. # 6-10.

vegetarian paradise (2 and 3) - the most amazing veggie chinese food ever - using fake meat in many of the dishes that actually tastes good! two locations - 144 w. 9th st (near 6th ave.) and 33-35 mott st. at pell st. in chinatown. chinatown location is cheaper! take nr train to canal st, walk 4 blocks east to mott.

go sushi - pretty self explanatory - take out sushi that's oh so yummy. 3 greenwich ave. (near 6th ave) 366-9271

gramercy cafe - a favorite in the neighborhood - great breakfast and lunch specials and good smoothies avg. breakfast - \$5-6. 184 3rd ave at 17th street.

waverly restaurant - another classic NYC diner in the west village. one of the few restaurants in NYC in which you can smoke. a little more pricey, but good. #6-7 avg. meal. 385 Ave. of Americas (6th ave).

siam square - a great thai restaurant w/ a big menu where everything sounds great! they have an outdoor garden, too. #7-9.

typhoon lounge - st. mark's btwn. 1st and 2nd. japanese food with a twist of new spices. 5-8 pm dinner specials, one of the largest menus i've ever seen and most everything is \$5-7. situated in an old mexican restaurant so the decor is neat.

pomme frites - belgian style fries served w/ yr choice of sauces - from garlic mayo to mango chutney. you have to try it! \$3-5.

gray's papaya - the best value in nyc boasts the banner in the window, hot dogs \$1.50, papaya juice, piña colada and other juices for cheap. located at 402 6th Ave. at 8th street.

if you're in Brooklyn you have to eat at Tom's Restaurant! established in 1936, it's a great diner serving up cherry lime rickeys, egg creams, banana walnut pancakes & tons more. 2/3 train to eastern pkwy., walk one block to washington ave, left + 3 blocks. 782 washington st. sterling pl.

BOOKSTORES

This is a very incomplete listing of New York's bookstores. These are all independent stores — there are many B+N's + Borders, but they don't need more advertising from us. The ones that carry zines are marked with a ★.

blackout books — 50 Avenue B (212) 777-1967

Anarchist-run bookstore specializing in (you guessed it!) political + underground publishing. ★

bluestockings — 172 Allen St. (212) 777-6028

Surprisingly, the only women's/feminist bookstore in NYC... at least that I'm aware of. They carry women/queer themed zines, and if you are interested in them carrying your zine, bring it in + ask for Sara (I think she's the one in charge of zines...) ★

books of wonder — 16 W. 18th St. (212) 989-3270

Books of Wonder sells new + antique/used children's books, and children's book-related toys, stationery, etc. They have a lot of book signings + events, and even though the staff is a bit snobby, it's a fun store.

clovis press —

located in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Neither of us has been there yet, but Amanda will be at

BOOKS CONTINUED

THE ZINEFEST, SO STOP BY HER TABLE + ASK HER ABOUT IT. ★

east village books - ST. MARKS BETWEEN 151 + A.
REALLY good used + RARE books.

a different light - 151 WEST 19th (212) 989-4850
FANTASTIC Queer Bookstore. A really huge
SELECTION OF Books, MUSIC, COMICS, ZINES, VIDEO,
AND THEY HAVE A CAFÉ. A DIFFERENT LIGHT
HOSTS LOTS OF READINGS, SIGNINGS, FILMS, ETC,
SO BE SURE TO PICK UP AN EVENTS CALENDAR
WHEN YOU GO IN. ★

Posman books - 70 5th Ave. (212) 633-2525
AS AN EX-COLLEGE STUDENT, I ALWAYS LIKE GOING
IN THIS STORE + SEEING WHAT BOOKS COLLEGE
KIDS ARE READING IN THEIR CLASSES, SINCE THIS
IS THE BOOKSTORE FOR THE NEW ^{SCHOOL} GOOD SELECTION
OF ART BOOKS, TOO.

printed matter - 77 WOOSTER ST. (212) 925-0325
PRINTED MATTER CARRIES ARTIST BOOKS + OTHER
ARTSY-TYPE INDEPENDENTLY PUBLISHED BOOKS.
I'VE HEARD GREAT THINGS ABOUT THIS STORE/
GALLERY SPACE, BUT I CAN'T VOUCH FOR IT,
SINCE EVERY TIME I GO THERE, IT'S CLOSED.
★ (carries zines of the EXPENSIVE VARIETY)

RIZZOLI — 454 W. BROADWAY (212) 674-1616
(ALSO HAS LOCATIONS ON VESSEY ST. + ON 57TH).
CARRIES ART + ARCHITECTURE BOOKS, AND SOME
FICTION. ALSO SELLS FANCY CLASSICAL/JAZZ CD'S.
A BIT EXPENSIVE, BUT THEIR SALE TABLES CAN YIELD
UNEXPECTED FINDS. I SAW MICHAEL JACKSON BUYING
\$3000 WORTH OF BOOKS HERE, BUT THAT'S ANOTHER
STORY FOR ANOTHER DAY..

REVOLUTION BOOKS — 9 W. 19TH ST (212) 691-3345
MARXISM, LENINISM, MaoISM, REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST
PARTY LITERATURE, BLACK LIBERATION, WOMEN'S LIBERATION,
POLITICAL SCIENCE, YOU GET THE IDEA. ★

SEE HEAR — 59 E. 7TH ST (212) 505-9781
NYC'S MOST NOTORIOUS ZINE STORE. THEY CARRY
A LOT OF TITLES — A LOT OF MUSIC ZINES — PLUS
BOOKS + COMICS. HOWEVER, THEY ALSO HAVE
A VERY BAD REPUTATION FOR NOT PAYING
ZINESTERS WHOSE STUFF THEY CARRY, SO ★
CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THEM AT YR OWN RISK.

ST. MARK'S BOOKSTORE — 31 3RD AVE (212) 260-7853
A WELL-CONSIDERED SELECTION OF ALL SORTS
OF BOOKS. LAUREN SAYS SHE WOULD READ
EVERY TITLE THEY CARRY, SO THAT'S QUITE AN
ENDORSEMENT!

ST. MARK'S COMICS — 11 ST. MARK'S PLACE (212) 598-9439
THE BEST SELECTION OF COMICS IN NYC. PERIOD.

YET MORE BOOKS

ONE LOVE BOOKSTORE

STRAND - 828 BROADWAY (at 12th ST.) (212) 473-1452

8 MILES OF USED BOOKS... FOR REAL. STRAND IS GREAT FOR CHEAP USED BOOKS, LOTS OF REVIEW COPIES OF NEWER BOOKS, + FOR SPECIAL ORDERS. I'M CLAUSTROPHOBIC + CAN'T GO IN THIS STORE, SO BE FOREWARNED.

PAPER + ART STUFF

KATE'S PAPERIE - 561 B'WAY
or 5th AVE + 13th ST.

KATE'S CARRIES BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE PAPER + SPECIALTY PAPER. GREAT INSPIRATION FOR ZINE PROJECTS. THEY ALSO CARRY ART SUPPLIES, SCRAPBOOKS + STATIONERY.

JAM PAPER + ENVELOPE - 611 6th AVE.

JAM SELLS OFFICE-TYPE PAPER, SO IT'S A GOOD SOURCE FOR DIFFERENT COLORS/SIZES/STYLES OF PAPER, ENVELOPES, CARD STOCK, ETC. ALSO CARRIES SPECIALTY PAPER + ENVELOPES, LOTS OF VELLUM, LABELS + OTHER THINGS ZINESTERS NEED.

PEARL PAINT - 308 CANAL ST.

FIVE STORIES OF ART SUPPLIES. THIS CROWDED STORE CARRIES EVERY KIND OF ART SUPPLY IMAGINABLE. (THOUGH NOT AS MANY AS THEIR SISTER STORE IN WOODBRIDGE, NJ...) EVERYTHING IS DISCOUNTED SO THAT'S ANOTHER PLUS.

QUICK
MABEL, GET
YOUR CAMERA!
IT'S TIME FOR

tourist traps!

- **STATUE OF LIBERTY** (which is actually in new jersey)
accessible by ferry only. **COST: \$7**
Call 212-368-3200 for more info. **NorR to Whitehall St.**
1 or 9 to South Ferry
- **EMPIRE STATE BUILDING** expect long lines for the elevator
5th Ave + 34th STREET. **COST: \$7**
B,D,F,Q,N,R to 34th ST. (also the stop for Macy's)
- **ROCKEFELLER CENTER /RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL**
49th-51st ST. AT 6th Ave. See a Today show taping!
B,D,F,Q to Rockefeller CENTER
- **WORLD TRADE CENTER** CHURCH TO WEST ST. btw. Liberty + Vesey
TAKE C or E TO WORLD TRADE CTR. **COST: \$13**
N,R,1,9 to Cortlandt St. to go to the top
opens at 9:30 AM - go early!!
- **CENTRAL PARK**
59th - 110th ST.
don't forget to visit the polar bears at the zoo!
ZOO: Southwest corner; enter at 5th Ave + 64th ST.
- **CONEY ISLAND** ride the Cyclone! eat at Nathan's!
B,D,F,Q,N,R to Coney Island (last stop)
- **MUSEUM OF MODERN ART**
11 W. 53rd ST. (212) 708-9480 **COST: \$10 / \$6.50 STUDENT**
TAKE THE E OR F TO FIFTH AVE. STOP.

- METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

1000 FIFTH AVE at 82nd ST. (212) 535-7710

TAKE THE 4,5, or 6 to 86th ST. COST: \$10/\$5 STUDENTS.

- MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY dinosaurs...eek!

CENTRAL PARK WEST at 79th (212) 769-5100

TAKE B or C TO 81st OR 1 or 9 TO 79th COST: \$10

- TIMES SQUARE see all the TRL kids! neon signs!

INTERSECTION OF 42-46th ST WITH BWAY + 7th AVE.

N,R,S,1,2,3,7,9 TO TIMES SQUARE OR A,C,E,B,D,F,

Q,4,5,6 TO 42nd.

- STATEN ISLAND FERRY

WHITEHALL ST.

COST: FREE!

N,R TO WHITEHALL

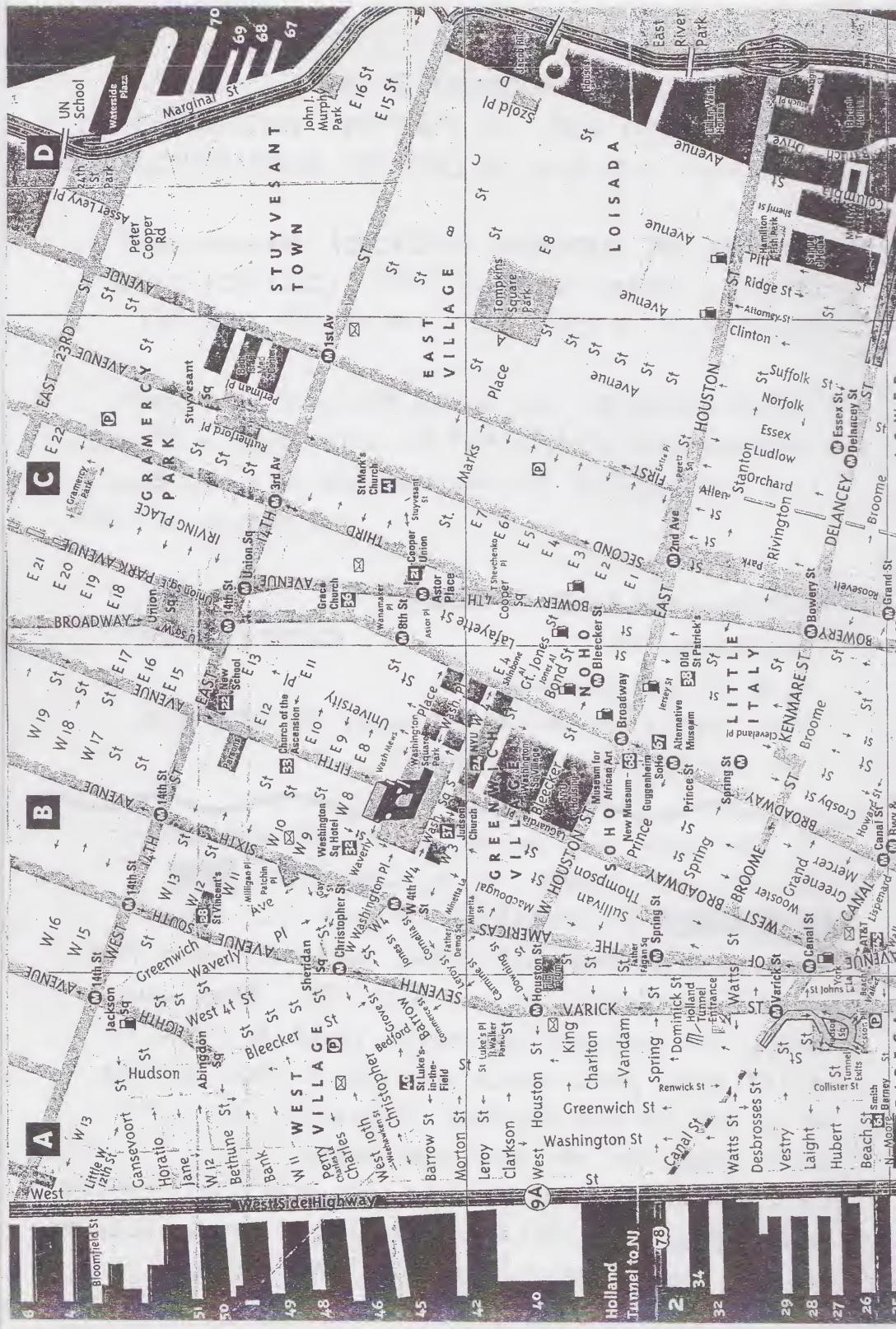
THE FERRY IS A GREAT WAY TO SEE THE CITY, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT.

If you plan on doing a lot of sightseeing, you should invest in a City Pass [REDACTED]. It costs \$32, + gets you lots of admissions (MOMA, Nat. History, Intrepid, Empire State, World Trade Center) so you save \$\$\$. Also, when riding the subway, you might want to invest in a \$17 week pass which getss you a week of rides, or a \$4 One Day FunPass. Otherwise, it's \$1.50 each way. You do your own math.

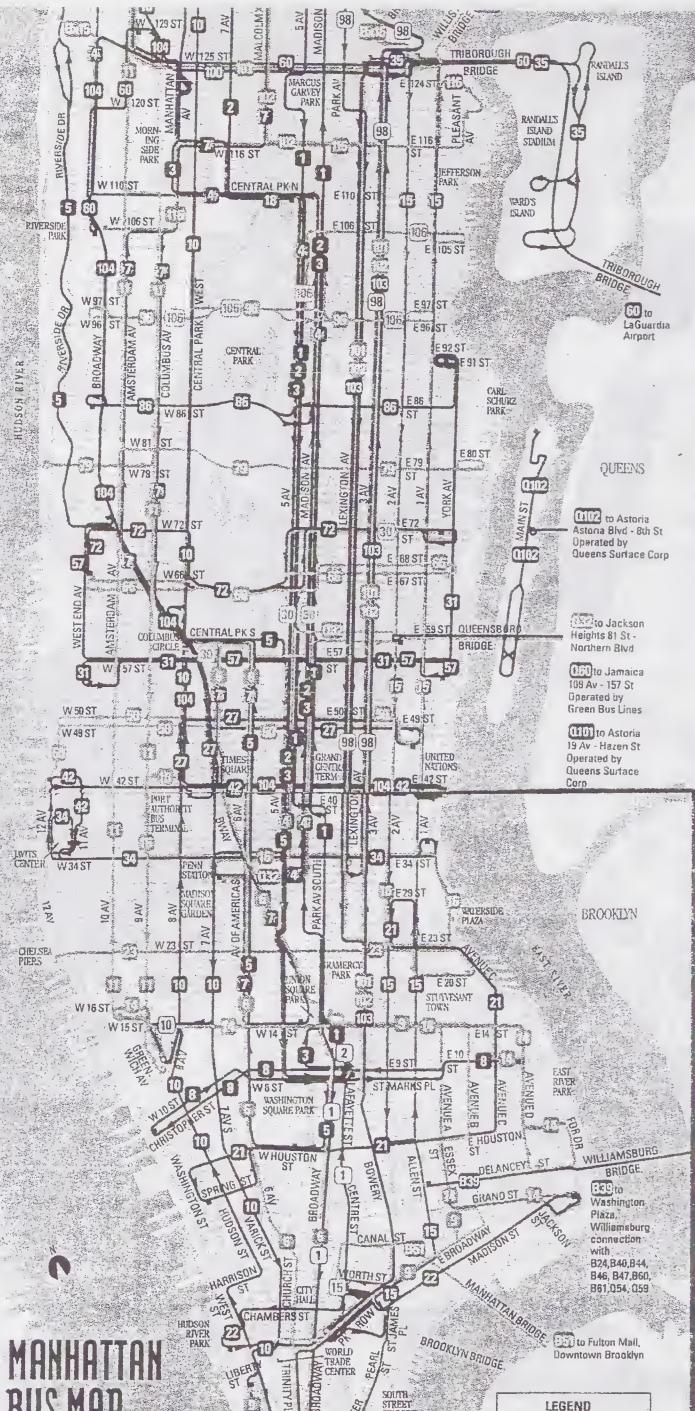
There is so much to see in NYC - GO OUT + EXPLORE!

BuY TIME OUT (\$2.75) FOR EVENTS/STUFF TO DO LISTINGS.

CALL THE VISITORS BUREAU AT (212) 484-1222







MANHATTAN BUS MAP



New York City Transit
March 1998

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LEGEND

All Day Service

(Every day
7 AM - 10 PM)

7 AM - 10 PM)
Part-time Service

Direction of Service

(two-way service has no arrows)

Full-time Terminal

Part-time Terminal

Bus Overview

A fleet of 3,700 blue-and-white buses runs in each of the five boroughs along more than 200 routes. You usually are no more than a few blocks away from a bus stop.

On a bus you have a choice of either using exact change in coins or a token for the \$1.50 fare. Remember, bus drivers cannot make change, and bus fareboxes do not accept dollar bills or pennies.

Where the Bus Stops

Bus stops are located at street corners and have a yellow painted curb and a sign with a bus emblem and route number. Some stops have bus shelters. Most stops also include a "guide-a-ride," which is a rectangular box displaying a route map and schedule.

Boarding the Bus

As the bus pulls up, be sure to read the destination sign on the front to check that the bus will take you where you want to go. Stay on the curb until your bus stops and its doors open. Some buses "kneel" or tilt down toward the curb so that you can board more easily. It always helps to have exact change or a token ready. The farebox is directly in front of you as you board.

If you're not sure how to get where you want to go, ask your bus driver. The driver also has a bus map.

People with physical disabilities may use the wheelchair lift (located near the middle of the bus) to board. These people will pay their fare by sending it to the Transit Authority in a postage-paid envelope the bus driver gives them.

For the safety and convenience of your fellow passengers, please keep your packages and personal belongings out of the aisles.

Getting Off the Bus

Buses stop about every two or three blocks. Buses marked "limited" make fewer stops. For the driver to stop the bus where you want to get off, press the tape strip located above and inside the windows. You need to signal your driver about one block before your desired stop.

Try to stay in your seat until the bus stops. To keep out of the way of people trying to board the bus, exit at the rear (side) doors. Once the bus has stopped, you'll see a green light over the rear door to indicate that it can open. In some buses, these doors open automatically if you press the tape strip located on the doors.

Making Connections

You can transfer for free between buses, with intersecting routes. Request a transfer ticket from your driver when you board. When you catch your connecting bus, give the transfer to the driver.

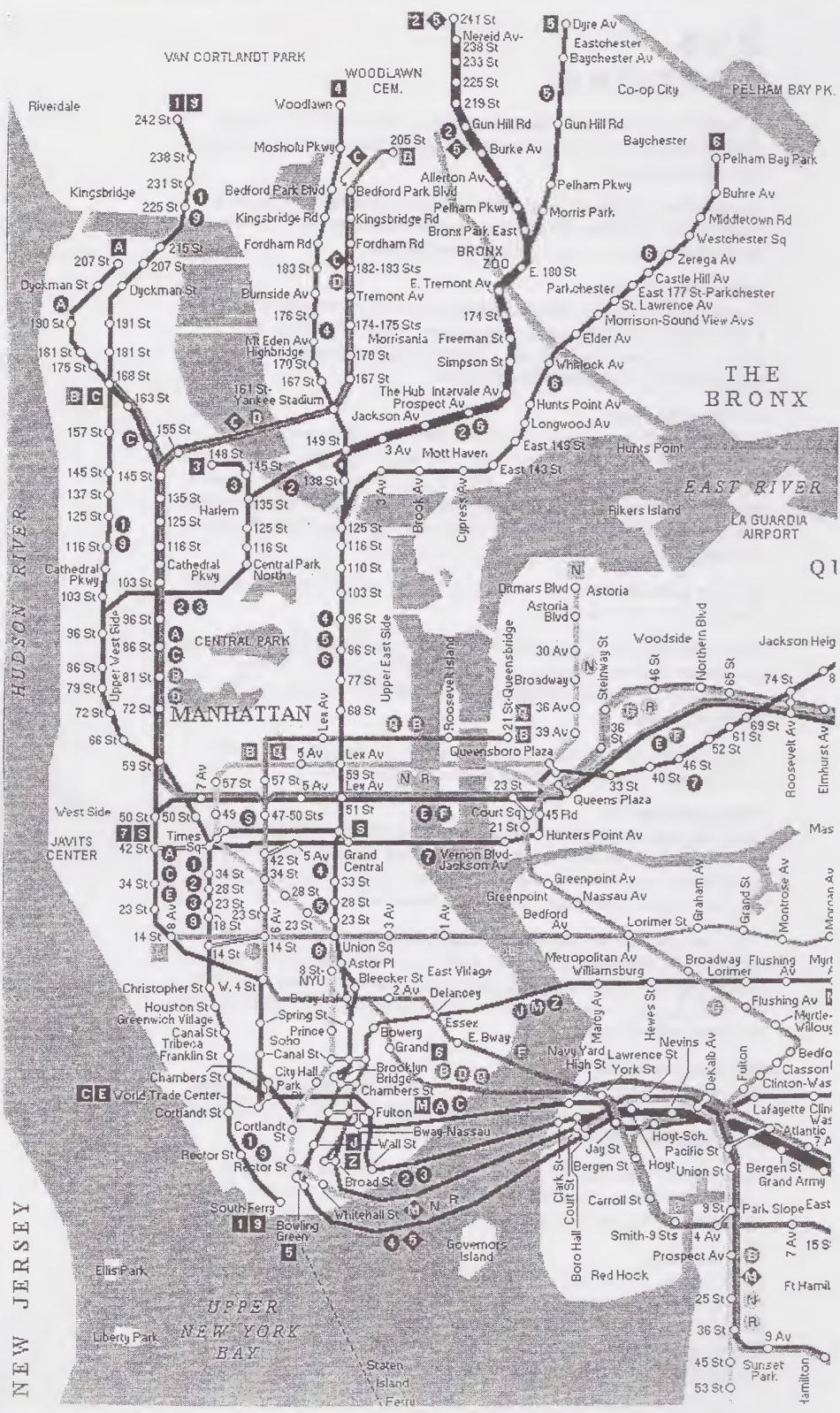
A list of each valid transfer point for your route is on the back of the transfer. Remember, transfers are good only to continue your trip. They are good only for one hour and cannot be used for your return trip.

Express Buses

There are about 30 express-bus routes operated by the NYCTA. Many of them run between Manhattan and Staten Island. Most express buses run on a schedule during weekday rush hours only. This service costs \$4. Express-bus tokens are sold in 11 downtown Manhattan stations. Call (718) 330-1234 for express-bus schedule information.

NEW JERSEY

HUDSON RIVER



BE ALERT

WHEN YOU ARE:

ON BUSES

Be Alert:



- When someone appears to stumble in front of you when boarding or exiting;

- When someone drops change or keys in the stairwell in front of you;
- If people push and shove you while on the bus or try to move quickly toward the front or rear of the bus.

ON SUBWAYS

Be Alert:



- When someone appears to get their foot caught between the train and platform in front of you;

- When you feel someone pushing or bumping you from behind.

ON CROWDED STREETS

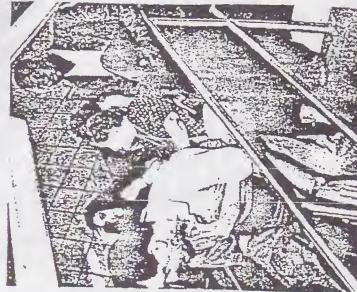
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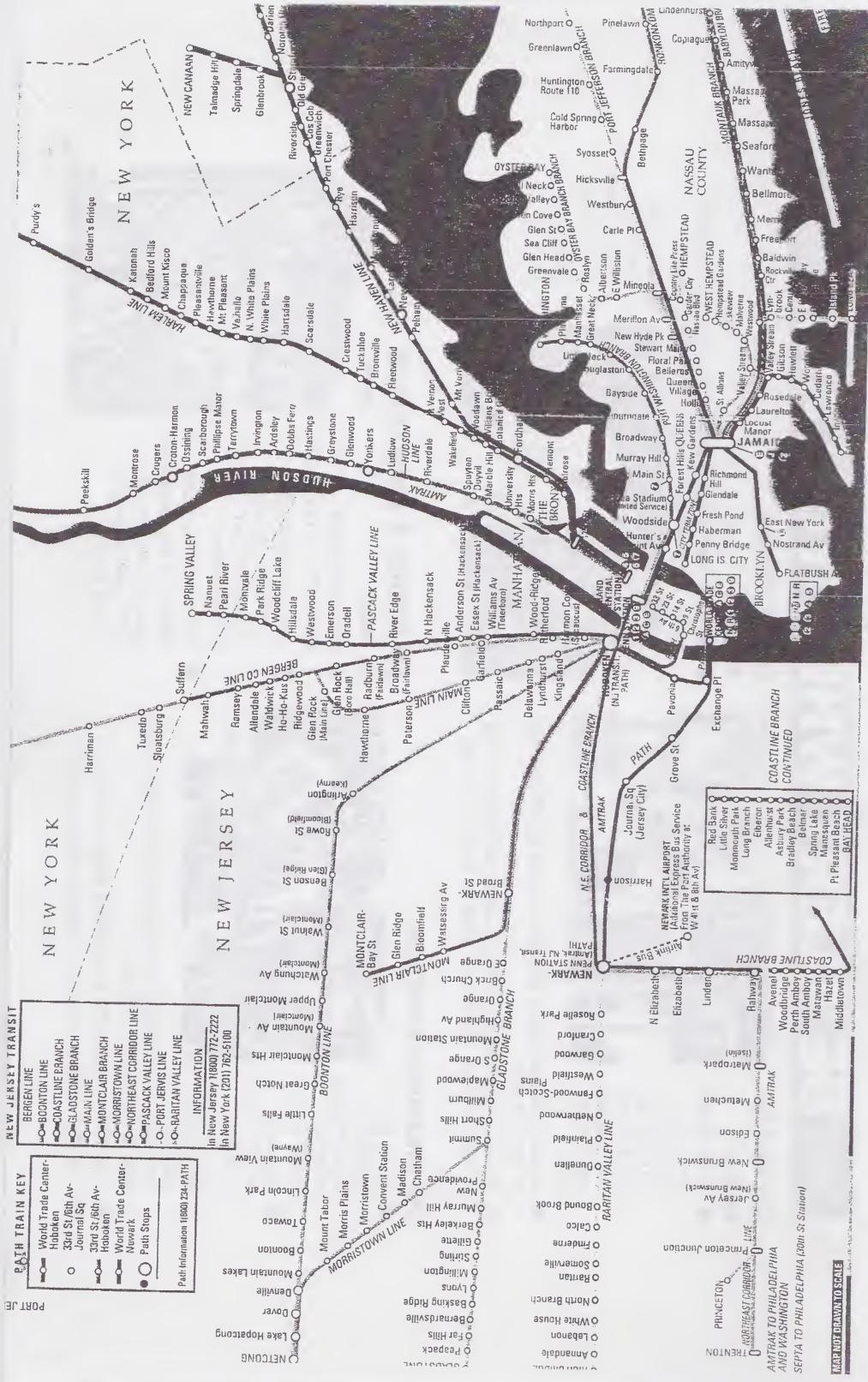
- Don't be distracted by strangers seeking directions;
- Be wary when someone tells you there is something (such as ketchup or mustard) on your clothing, especially after you've done your banking;
- Don't carry valuables in shoulder bags behind you;
- Use handbags that have a zipper or locking front.

ON STAIRS & ESCALATORS

Be Alert:



- When someone stumbles in front of you;
- When someone drops something in front of you at the top or bottom of escalators;
- Don't carry your valuables in a handbag that does not have both a zipper and a clasp to secure them.



B A R

keep in mind that there are literally thousands of bars & clubs in new york. i'm not a big drinker, but here's a list of bars i like, if you're interested. to find more bars & clubs & shows - pick up a village voice (free on lots of corners & in many stores) or time out NY (at any newsstand). happy & safe drinking & no drunk driving, ya'll. & L

Korova - 200 Ave A (btwn 12th & 13th, i believe) if you liked a clockwork orange, you have to check it out!

meow mix - 269 houston. women-run, sometimes shows & poetry, too.

thomas' beauty parlor - 14th street between 2nd & 3rd ave. beauty parlor turned bar! such cute decor & nice ppl.

la linea - 15 1st Ave (near 1st st.) a cute little bar that you might otherwise miss!

looking glass - 108 3rd ave. btwn 13th & 14th.

café créole - 99 macdougal between 3rd & bleecker

o'hanlon's - 349 E. 14th street. yr typical irish

crazy nanny's - 21 7th Ave. South - described as a ghetto dyke bar by my ex-roommate, who works there.

oasis - st. mark's place between 1st Ave and Ave A

lucky cheng's - 24 1st Ave (near 2nd st.) - the waitstaff is all drag queens & there's always karaoke!

the reservior - 70 university place.

that's enough for starters, don't you think? the conference is only 2 days! sheesh!

Shopping

in the city

some humble suggestions from lauren +
cheryl.

record stores



other music - 15 East 4th St btwn lafayette + broadway

kim's video - 350 bleeker on corner of 10th st
also on st. mark's place near 3rd avenue.

soap box - 113 st. mark's place

etheraea - 66 Ave A. btwn 4th + 5th.

fat beats - 406 Avenue of Americas (6th Ave).

(there are big record stores everywhere, too-
but buy from the little guy! support indie!)

grocery stores

i thought that some ppl might
want to buy + cook instead of
eating out.

healthy pleasures - health food + organic products
university place btwn 11th + 12th sts.

A + P - Ave of Americas (6th) between 11th + 12th sts.

jefferson market - 950 Ave of Americas btwn 10th + 11th

food emporium - 14th street and 4th Avenue

diagostino - 64 University Place btwn 10th + 11th

Clothing

H + M - at 51st St and 5th Ave, corner.

(there are thousands of clothing stores but
you should go there. go to sotto for more)

MORE SHOPPIN'

Sex!!

You've all seen Sex + The City, so you know New Yorkers are getting busy! Visit these sex-positive stores:

TOYS IN BABELAND - 94 RIVINGTON ST.
(WOMEN-OWNED) 212-375-1701

eve's GARDEN - 119 W. 57th 212-757-8651
(MEN ALLOWED ONLY IF ACCCOMPANIED BY A WOMAN)

PINK PUSSYCAT BOUTIQUE - 167 W. 4th (btwn. 6th + 7th)

MOVIES

These theaters always show good art/indie movies + host film festivals. Check TIME OUT or the newspaper for info.

ANGELIKA FILM CENTER 18 W. HOUSTON ST.
(212) 995-2000

FILM FORUM 209 W. HOUSTON
(212) 727-8110

SCREENING ROOM 54 VARICK ST. (AT CANAL)
(212) 334-2100

NEIGHBORHOODS

If you're up for more

shopping, check out these neighborhoods:
ST. MARK'S PLACE (PUNK ROCKER OUTDOOR MALL. BUY SOME
SHOES, RECORDS, MANIC PANIC); CHINATOWN (SANRIO, GOOD FOOD
PEARL RIVER MART @ B'WAY + CANAL); SOHO (ART, DESIGNER
CLOTHES); 8th ST. (MORE SHOES THAN YOU COULD EVER NEED
ANYWHERE YOU GO IN NYC, YOU CAN FIND A PLACE
TO DROP SOME CASH, SO PACE YOURSELF!!)

Lauren's Top NYC Faves



LAUREN

★ **nuyorican poet's cafe** - 2b3 east 3rd st (btwn ave B & C)... poetry slams, open mics + afro-cuban music almost every night of the week. \$5-\$10 for entry.

★ **bar 13** - 13th st at. university place, 2nd floor. more poetry slams + live music - \$3-\$7 for entry. 2 for 1 drinks w/ events, usually.

★ **Ave B & 6th Community garden** - Complete w/ a huge toy sculpture, my, favorite place. you must go here or else!!

on the east river. walk as east as you can go!

★ **saint's alp teahouse** - locations at 3rd avenue between 9th and 10th streets and on mott street between bayard + pell st in chinatown. i can't plug this place enough, it's my favorite. you have to try the milk teas w/ tapioca pearls or you haven't lived!

★ **the pleasure chest** - 156 7th Ave. South btwn 12th st. and perry st. the very best in sex shoppes. a whole arrangement of fun stuff and souveneirs for yr honey at home!!

★ **small's** - a bring yr own booze jazz club on w. 10th street and 7th Avenue South. shows @ 10 pm every night for \$10. free shows from 6-9pm friday thru sunday. check the village voice or time out NY for who's playing...

More lauren picks...

★ elizabeth street center - 210 Elizabeth St. (i think that's the address - it's between canal st & bayard st.) basement floor. a whole ring of stores selling sanrio gear, playstation games, manga videos, accessories, comic books, action figures and the like. another lauren nyc fave, duh.

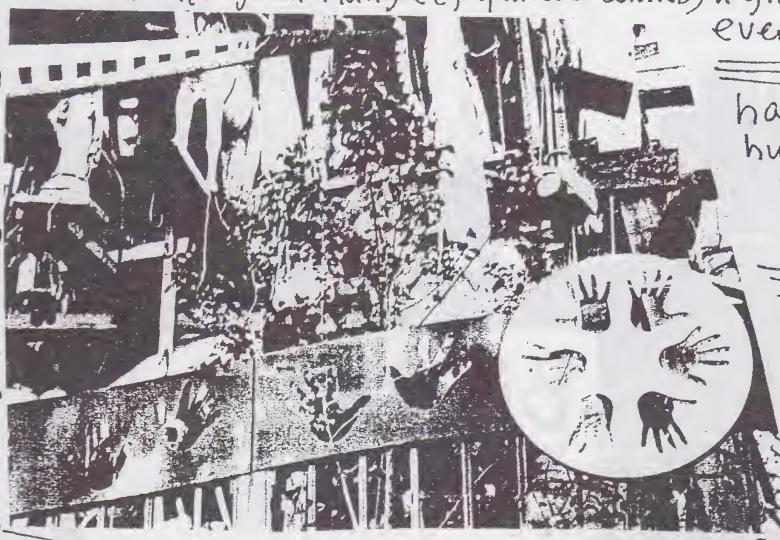
★ **kino kuniya** bookstore - 10 w. 49th street (between 5th ave and rockefeller place.) the best in japanese books and stationary. even if you don't speak japanese, you should check out this store for their stationary and comic books on the 2nd floor.

★ **sunrise mart** - stuyvesant pl. (between st. mark's and 9th street, 2nd floor.) take the elevator up to the best asian grocery store in the neighborhood. you can find curries, gyoza, tofu, veggies, fish and other essentials.

★ **ABC no Rio** - 156 Rivington St. (btwn clinton and norfolk) an art collective w/ a zine library & shows. check their website - www.abcnrio.org for info on shows.

★ **brownie's** - 169 Ave A (btwn 10th & 11th) a good place for indie rock shows.

★ **manga-ya** - e. 7th st (btwn. ave A and 1st, i think). all the good manga (japanese comics) a girl could ever want!



happy
hunting in
NYC!!

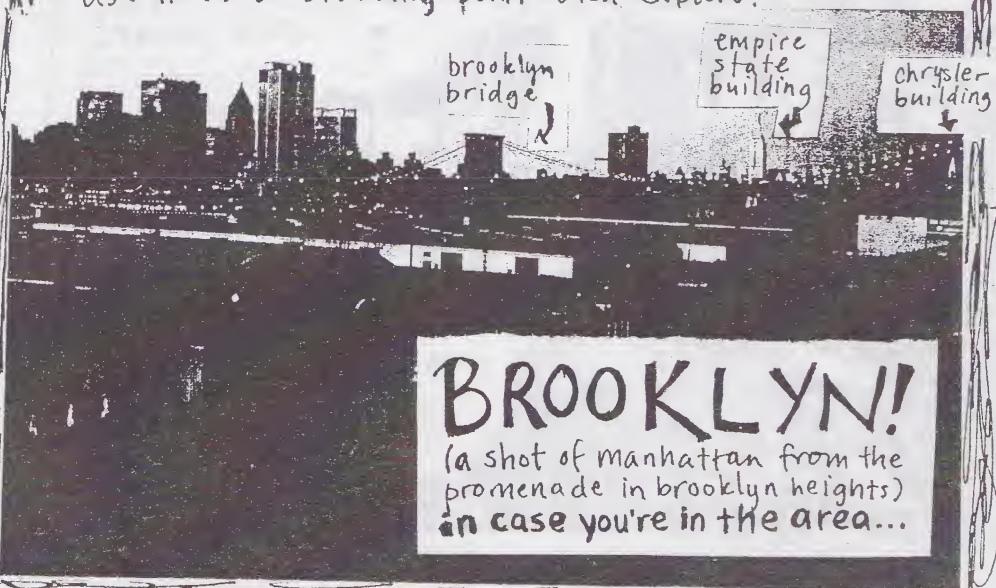
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Sculpture
on ave
B & 6th.
it's huge!

Manhattan is not the only cool borough in New York!
Check out some of these spots in Brooklyn!

- **Coney Island** - amusement park and beach combined! take the BDFQ or NR trains Brooklyn-bound until the last stop. a historical place & lots of fun.
- **Prospect Park** - not as big as Central Park but w/ loads more character. take the DQ to Prospect Park or the 2/3 to Grand Army Plaza & walk toward the arch.
- **Promenade** - for a spectacular view (shown below), go here. take NR to Court Street and walk west to Montague St. until you reach the water. make sure to check out Montague Street on yr way!!
- **Rising Café** - 5th Ave and Union St. in Park Slope. a lesbian bar and café sometimes w/ poetry & music. take NR to Union St., walk east one block to 5th Avenue.
- **DUMBO** - art collective in the DUMBO hood (down under Manhattan Bridge Overpass). good, cheap shows. take F train to York St. (first stop in Brooklyn), walk down hill 2 blocks. call 718/670/3719 for info on events. 57 Jay Street.
- **Community Bookstore** - 143 7th Ave between Carroll St. and Garfield Pl. take DQ to 7th Ave. and walk abt 10 blocks south or take F train to 7th Ave & walk abt 10 blocks north. a nice bookstore w/ good titles and a café, too.
- **Uprising** - bakery across the street from Community Bookstore. Same subway directions. right next to Key Foods.
- **Brooklyn Museum of Art** - 200 Eastern Pkwy. take 2/3 train to Eastern Parkway. get out of the subway station and you can't miss it. go to the Botanic Garden, too, which is right next door.

This is not exhaustive of stuff to do in Brooklyn!
Use it as a starting point and explore!



I NJ

As the resident Jersey girl, I want to take a few moments to point out that New Jersey is a mere stones

throw from New York, + has much more to offer than what you see (and smell) from the New Jersey Turnpike. From Penn Station (33rd St. between 7th + 8th), hop on a train or find someone with a car + take a road trip. Take the PATH train to HOBOKEN, a one-mile square town full of bars + great views of NYC. While you're there, catch a show at MAXWELL'S (1039 Washington St. 201-798-0406). They always have great bands in an intimate venue. If barhopping isn't your thing, maybe try a train to RED BANK. As immortalized in many a Kevin Smith movie, Red Bank is a shore town (actually on a river) full of antique shops + small businesses. A great town to walk around. Catch an art film at the movie theatre, visit JAY + SILENT BOB'S SECRET STASH (35 Broad St. 732-258-0020) where you can pick up comics + all kinds of stuff related to Smith's movies. Also be sure to stop in BLACK CAT RECORDS. My friends Ari + Tannis opened this record store - it's small, but has a great selection of the punk/indie variety. They are located at 67 Monmouth St. 732-450-9155. Great record shopping can also be found at the PRINCETON RECORD EXCHANGE on 5c, Tulane St. 609-921-0881 in PRINCETON, NJ. Check out the university + the beautiful town. Another university town, sort of, is NEW BRUNSWICK, home to Rutgers University. New Brunswick is full of college kids, lots of good restaurants + bars. There is always a lot going on there - film screenings, shows, etc. Pick up a copy of the STAR LEDGER newspaper for listings. For the total Jersey experience, find a car + head down the shore to SEASIDE HEIGHTS. They have a huge boardwalk here, so once the sun goes down + people are off the beach, the real fun begins. Ride the rides scattered throughout the piers. (May I suggest the JET STAR? A smallish rollercoaster that scares me every time. It extends over the pier to give you that feeling of "oh shit we're going to plunge into the ocean!") Play a few games + win some crappy prize, watch all the big-haired girls heading for the clubs, eat some KOHR'S ice cream. It's a bizarre + wonderful place. For more bizarre places in our fair state, pick up a copy of WEIRD NJ. Mark + Mark co-editors will be at the zinefest, or you can write to them at Po Box 1346 Bloomfield NJ, 07003. Their zine chronicles legends, folklore, haunted places, + general strangeness in NJ + it's a fascinating read. MONTCLAIR was voted one of the top 10 towns in America to live in by Seventeen magazine, for whatever that's worth. A quick train ride from NYC, Montclair's a town full of coffee shops, record stores + things of that ilk, all in a walkable area... I guess that's why it's a good place to live if you're a teenager. If you are driving to the zinefest, you may want to consider parking your car in Hoboken + taking the PATH train across the river. You will save some money + lots of aggravation by doing so. There are many fabulous parks, beaches, historical sites + things to do in NJ, far too many to list here, but definitely more than most city-dwellers think. New Jersey is NOT just malls (SHORT HILLS, PARAMUS PARK, JERSEY GARDENS, MENLO PARK, WOODBRIDGE CENTER, WILLOWBROOK, BRIDGEWATER...) + IKEA (Exit 13A off the turnpike.) To quote from Dogma, "Never underestimate the tremendous drawing power of the Garden State." Truly words to live by.

(For more info, see NJ Transit map or ask me.)

CHERYL
Queen of Jersey
Pride.

Cheryl's New York Favorites

I MAY BE A JERSEY GIRL, BUT I DO ENJOY THE CITY. HERE ARE SOME OF MY FAVORITE NYC PLACES:

POP SHOP (292 LAFAYETTE ST. @ BROADWAY)

I'VE BEEN A HUGE FAN OF KEITH HARING + HIS ART SINCE JR. HIGH. MY FRIENDS + I WOULD HANG OUT HERE, HOPING TO MEET KEITH HARING, BUT IT NEVER HAPPENED. CELEBRATE THE MAN + HIS ART AT THIS STORE, RUN BY HARING'S ESTATE. HIGH PRICES, BUT FUN TO BROWSE, + MAYBE PICK UP SOMETHING AFFORDABLE.

HOWDY DO! (72 E. 7th ST. BTWN 1st + 2nd AVE 212-979-1610)

SMALL STORE SELLING COLLECTIBLE TOYS + KITSCH. THE GUYS WHO RUN THIS PACKED SHOP ARE REALLY HELPFUL + NICE. BOY GEORGE SHOPPED HERE ON A VH1 ROCK + ROLL COLLECTIBLES SHOW, WHICH CAN ONLY BE A GOOD THING.

FAO SCHWARZ (59th ST. + 5th AVE. - SOUTH CORNER OF CENTRAL PARK WEST)

PART TOURIST TRAP, PART TOY STORE. I NEVER ACTUALLY BUY ANYTHING HERE, BUT I DO LIKE TO MARVEL AT THEIR FANCY TOYS + ADMIRE THE BARBIE - SHOE FOUNTAINS IN THE SCARY BARBIE WORLD.

DAILY SOUP W. 17th (BTW. 5th + UNION SQUARE)

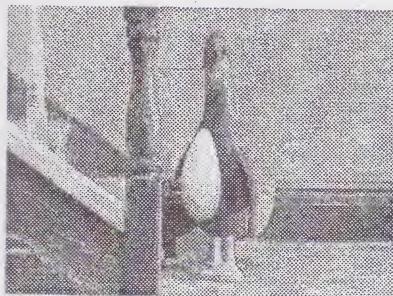
OKAY, SO MAYBE YOU DO NEED TO TAKE OUT A LOAN TO BUY SOUP HERE, BUT IN THE WINTER, IT'S WORTH IT. THEIR BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP (\$6.50 FOR A LARGE, WITH BREAD, COOKIE + FRUIT) IS HEAVENLY.

HERBAN KITCHEN (290 HUDSON ST. @ SPRING ST.)

THE BEST ORGANIC RESTAURANT IN THE CITY. MANY VEGAN ENTREES, ALSO SERVES SEAFOOD + FREE-RANGE ORGANIC POULTRY. DINNER IS ABOUT \$12-20, BUT SO WORTH IT! YUM YUM YUM! IT'S RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER FROM S.O.B.'S (204 VARICK ST. @ HUDSON)

A CLUB FEATURING LATIN JAZZ, SALSA, JAZZ + HIPHOP. LAST TIME I WENT THERE WAS TO SEE TITO PUENTE + CELIA CRUZ, AND WE HAD A GREAT TIME WATCHING THE AMAZING DANCING.

NEW YORK AQUARIUM (SURF Ave. AT W. 8th ST, CONEY ISLAND 718-265-FISH Dor F to W8th ST/AQUARIUM)
\$9.75 to get in to my most favorite place in New York. Acres of aquariums, both indoor + outdoor. The indoor parts are cool + dark + relaxing, full of beautiful fish. Be sure to check out all the varieties of sharks (the nurse sharks are scariest-looking). The Beluga whales are enormous + gentle-looking. They seem to flirt with the people watching them. The best part has to be the penguins - I can watch them for hours, swimming + playing + waddling around. The aquarium may be a bit run-down, but it's fascinating. (One complaint: no squids! what's up with that?!)



BEWARE THE PENGUINS WHO DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS CHICKENS! THEY ARE UP TO NO GOOD.



